



**GREYSCALE**  
WINES

2009  
*Napa Valley*  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

#### TASTING NOTES

Deep, dark red color with a garnet hue. A dense nose of ripe blackberry and cassis with integrated toasty oak that add layers to the expansive nose. On the palate, the wine has a soft, refined entry and is lush and packed with black fruit flavors. The tannins are polished and round, showing good focus and depth, anchoring the long finish.

#### BLEND

46.5% **Rafael Vineyard**,  
46.5% **Reverence Vineyard**,  
5% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

The lush, fleshy fruit intensity of Reverence Vineyard compliments the power and tannic intensity of Rafael Vineyard, making for a balanced wine that is both refined and powerful. Merlot and Petit Verdot were included to add layers to the fruit intensity, particularly on the palate. The wine aged for 21 months in French Oak barrels, 50% of it new oak. The base blend of the two vineyards took place in early 2010 and the blending of the Merlot/Petit Verdot took place in May of 2011.

#### BOTTLING

Date: September, 2011  
Alcohol: 14.5%  
PH 3.80  
Total Acidity 6.3g/L

Released: June, 2012

#### VINEYARD NOTES

**Rafael Vineyard** is a sloping hillside property in Oak Knoll. Being in the southern part of the valley, the temperatures are moderated by the weather patterns coming off San Pablo Bay. These cooling breezes and morning fogs help the grapes retain assertive acids that warmer growing spots can't match. The vines at Rafael are planted in porous sands and gravel, which forces the roots to work deep into the ground in search of water. This natural devigoration helps produce smaller berries with balanced concentrations of tannins and acidity.

**Reverence Vineyard** is situated in southern Napa's Coombsville/Tulocay area and sits on shallow, rocky-gravel soils which is solely focused on growing Cabernet Sauvignon. The microclimate, influenced by the cooling breezes and fogs off San Pablo Bay, help grapes assert the classic Cabernet acid/tannin profile.

#### **Rafael Vineyard**

*Oak Knoll AVA*

Harvest Date: 10/23/09

Brix: 26

TA: 5.1

PH: 3.55

#### **Reverence Vineyard**

*Coombsville AVA*

Harvest Date: 10/23/09

Brix: 25.1

TA: 5.0

PH: 3.65



#### ABOUT GREYSCALE WINES

"Making wine is living our dream. Growing up with a family vineyard, avidly collecting wines for years,

wine tasting in Bordeaux, and developing a curiosity about winemaking inspired us to create our own wine. In 2008, we met Kian Tavakoli, former winemaker at Clos duVal, who has helped us create small lots of premium Bordeaux style wines."

*Jean & Larry Rowe*  
Proprietors

#### ABOUT THE WINEMAKER KIAN TAVAKOLI

With over 15 years of winemaking, operations and viticultural experience, Kian Tavakoli brings a stellar combination of sensory and production skills to Greyscale Wines. Having graduated with a degree in enology from UC Davis in 1992, Kian spent 4 years learning cabernet wine-making at Opus One before he became winemaker at Clos Du Val where he ran their red wine program including the highly acclaimed reserve bottlings. Kian's passion for Bordeaux style wines is the perfect complement to our Greyscale family wine philosophy.



*"Wine is neither black nor white. It's always shades of grey"*

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